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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 12, 2001

APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND  
POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUA010022

Annual financial and operating  
Report

DISMISSAL ORDER

On May 11, 2001, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power" or "the Company") filed a "Motion for Confidential Treatment of Information" wherein it requested that the Commission enter an order directing its Staff to afford confidential treatment to certain information filed in, or provided to Staff, in connection with the Company's Annual Financial and Operating Report for the year ended December 31, 2000 ("Annual Report")<sup>1</sup>.

On June 15, 2001, Staff filed a Response to that Motion where it stated that it was concerned that the Company's

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<sup>1</sup> In that Motion, Virginia Power stated that the information for which it sought privileged treatment was "consistent with the designation of such information" in the Company's Form 1 for the year 2000 ("Form 1") filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") on April 27, 2001. Virginia Power also requested, to the extent the Annual Report identified additional confidential information in the Virginia portion of the Annual Report not contained in its FERC Form 1, that such additional information be protected until FERC makes a determination of the Company's request for confidential treatment of Form 1.

withholding of any information in its Annual Report would not be in the public interest and would provide protection to the Company where the need for such protection had not clearly been demonstrated. Staff requested that the Commission enter an Order inviting comments or requests for oral argument on the Company's Motion.

Pursuant to the Commission's Order dated July 2, 2001, The Virginia Committee for Fair Utility Rates ("Virginia Committee") filed Comments in opposition to Virginia Power's Motion wherein it stated that Virginia Power had not demonstrated that the current state of the market warranted the requested confidential treatment. The Committee requested that Virginia Power's Motion be denied.

On July 6, 2001, Virginia Power filed a Motion requesting the Commission to issue an order allowing it to withdraw its Motion for Confidential Treatment of Information and to close the above-captioned docket.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the matter, is of the opinion, that Virginia Power's request to withdraw its motion is reasonable and should be granted.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Virginia Power's Motion to Withdraw Motion for Confidential Treatment in the above-captioned matter is hereby granted.

(2) This matter is hereby dismissed and the papers placed in the files for ended causes.